India and concerned agencies in Bhutan. On completion of Tala Hydro Project (1020 MW) in Bhutan scheduled to be commissioned by the year 2005, power shall also be imported from this project. India also supply power to Bhutan during the low hydro period for meeting loads in Bhutan.

India-Bangladesh & Pakistan : At present, there is no firm proposal for import of power from Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Utilisation of grant under Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission by Kerala

3526. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Kerala failed to utilise the grant under Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission during the previous financial years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount granted to Kerala during the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 for the above purpose and the actual utilisation by the State Government and the reasons for further reduction of the grant;

(d) whether the Government of Kerala requested for allotment of entire grant due to Kerala for the last financial year; and

(e) if so the decision taken by Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL) : (a) to (e) Details of allocation and releases made to the Government of Kerala under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 are as follows :

(Rs. in Lakh)

Year	Allocation	Release
2001-2002	6331.00	5045.00
2002-2003	3698.00	1899.30

The State Government has not been in a position to get the entire amount released due to heavy opening balance with them. During the year 2001-2002, an amount of Rs. 1286 lakh was deducted on account of excess opening balance as on 1-4-2001. The allocation for the year 2002-2003 has been decided as per the revised criteria adopted in the ARWSP Guidelines giving increased weightage for Not-Covered/Partially Covered habitations and quality affected

habitations. Accordingly the allocation for Kerala stood reduced to Rs. 3698 lakh during 2002-2003 from Rs. 6331 lakh during 2001-2002.

The Government of Kerala requested for release of second instalment of fund during 2002-2003 but the same could not be released due to heavy opening balance with the State.

Proposal to grant cent per cent funds for potable water

†3527. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering the cent per cent provisions of funds for the schemes of the villages affected by quantitative potable water in the event of non providing of 25 per cent thereof by the State Governments; and

(b) if so, by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Swajal Dhara Scheme of Uttaranchal

†3528. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of proposals received from Uttaranchal under the Swajal Dhara Scheme;

(b) whether any proposals have been sought under the Swajal Dhara Scheme from the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL) : (a) to (d) Proposals had been sought from all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, including Uttaranchal, under the Swajal Dhara Scheme vide letter dated 16-11-2002. So far, no proposals have been received from Uttaranchal. The State Government has informed that the initiation of the project got delayed since the Gram Panchayats were not in place and projects would be sent at the earliest after the completion of the Panchayat elections.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.